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1. The Decin plant of Skoda Works National Corporation (the former Agte precision tool factory) is located on Horská, Kamenická and Benesovská streets.* The four-story main factory building covers an area of 150 m by 80 m. The plant employs a total of about 300 workers and produces all types of lathes, cutters, reamers, groovers, counterbores, countersinks and hobs. Work is done on order only. Special hard steels are supplied by the Poldi Steelworks in Kladno, grinding wheels from Benátky, and diamond grinding wheels from Germany and Switzerland. All these items are in short supply. Power for the plant is supplied by the station in Decin; there is an auxiliary power plant in the factory.
2. Leading personnel of the plant include the following:
 - a. Managing Director Ing. Blaha, about 36 years old, tall, with gray hair; anti-Communist.
 - b. Deputy Manager Rene Simek, about 28 years old, tall, of medium build, with brown hair; a non-Communist.
 - c. Chairman of the Workers' Council Ota Svoboda, about 35 years old, tall, slight, with black hair; a fanatic Communist. He is director of the Social and Political Department and chairman of the plant's Communist Party organization.
 - d. Production Manager Panenka, about 45 years old, tall, bald, Russian; a Communist under compulsion.
 - e. Checker Radinsky, about 35 years old, small, with black hair; a moderate Communist.

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f. Piecework Adjuster Boubin, about 45 years old, small, with gray hair, anti-Communist.

3. Departments of the plant include the following:

- a. Milling Department on the first floor employs about 35 men working in one shift. Machinery includes two Skoda turret lathes, the largest of which can handle stock up to 120 mm in diameter.
- b. Forge on the first floor employs two men working in one shift. Machinery consists of two presses.
- c. Grinding Department on the second floor employs about 30 men working in two shifts. The department has about 20 grinders of various types.
- d. Welding Department on the second floor employs ten men working in two shifts. It operates ten autogenous welding machines.
- e. Tanding Department on the second floor employs two women in one shift.
- f. Varnishing Department on the second floor employs three men in one shift.
- g. Tool Department on the third floor employs 25 to 30 men in one shift; some lathes are operated in two shifts. Machinery in this department includes:
 - 10 lathes of various types
 - 4 surface grinding machines
 - 1 large surface grinding machine
 - 1 cylindrical grinding machine
 - 6 tool grinding machines
 - 4 planing machines
 - 4 milling machines
 - 4 drilling machines
- h. Grinding Department on fourth floor employs 12 men in one or two shifts. Machinery in this department includes:
 - 10 cylindrical grinding machines
 - 9 tool grinding machines
 - 1 large centerless grinder for cylinder bearings
 - 1 small centerless grinder for cylinder bearings
 - 1 large universal grinding machine
 - 8 hand-operated grinders
 - 1 20-power rangifier for precision checking
 - 1 pantograph
- i. Special Production Department equipped with one grinding machine with a 150-power magnifying glass, one large projector which magnifies 750,000 (sic) times, one special lapping machine accurate to 0.001 mm. This equipment is used only occasionally.
4. This plant pays the best wages in the district; apprentices are paid 3,800 to 4,000 kes, skilled workers 5,000 to 5,500 kes per month.

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